



Application of:

**SZARKA, DAVID D.**

Serial No.: **10/714,118**

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Title: **"PLUG SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR  
USING PLUGS IN SUBTERRANEAN FORMATIONS"**

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Group Art Unit: **3676**

Examiner: **BATES, ZAKIYA W.**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO FINAL  
OFFICE ACTION, MAILED JULY 24, 2006**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 24, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following remarks and amendments. As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due October 24, 2006, this response is timely filed.